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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 160,341 for the month of May, 2007. This represents a decrease of 0.8% as compared to May, 2006.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

Vehicle Classification	One-Way Crossings	Change from May, 2006	Percent of Total Crossings
Full-Fare Passenger Cars:	64,792	-0.3%	40.4%
Commuter Fare:	80,652	0.9%	50.3%
Car Pulling Trailers	4,744	-11.6%	3.0%
Commercial Trucks:	10,153	-10.0%	6.3%
Totals:	160,341		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2007 has totaled 705,169 vehicles; this represents a decrease of 2.7% as compared to 2006. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 83.3 million vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's note:

Later this summer, the IBA will be introducing an upgraded version of the IQ Card, the IQ Prox Card, which will be available to registered customers. This enhancement will use close proximity radio frequency technology to allow automated toll lane transactions. Our plan is to deploy the system in one southbound and one northbound toll lane beginning in July, making crossing the International Bridge even easier for our commuter customers.

Sincerely,

International Bridge Administration

Peter M. Petainen Chief Financial Officer

